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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN CANBERRA

1. AUGUST 5 JOURNAL OF COMMERCE CARRIED ARTICLE QUOTED
BELOW ON REMARKS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON TO
THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA:

BEGIN QUOTE

2. U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, CHARLES W. ROBINSON,
SAID THAT IN THE PAST YEAR THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD
"MOVED A LONG WAY- TOWARDS RECOGNIZING THE VALUE AND THE
NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY MARKETING AGREEMENTS.

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3. MR. ROBINSON ADDED: "THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE WE HAD

TOWARDS COMMODITY AGREEMENTS STILL EXISTS AND THERE ARE CERTAINLY DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. BUT WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS ACCEPTING AGREEMENTS FOR COMMODITIES SUCH AS IRON ORE, BAUXITE, COPPER, WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO AUSTRALIA."

4. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE IS VISITING AUSTRALIA FOR A MEETING OF THE ANZUS COUNCIL UNDER THE SECURITY TREATY LINKING THE U.S. WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

5. IN A SHARP DEPARTURE FROM USUAL EMPHASIS AT SUCH MEETINGS, MR. ROBINSON, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES. THEY HAD BECOME SO INTERTWINED WITH POLITICAL ISSUES, HE SAID, THAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS NOT ALWAYS DISTINGUISHABLE.

6. "I HAVE DEVELOPED A VERY FIRM CONVICTION," HE SAID, "THAT INTERDEPENDENCE MEANS INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN WHAT HAVE BEEN HITHERTO FREE ENTERPRISE AREAS. WITH INCREASING GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WE HAVE VERY RAPIDLY BLURRED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND THE ECONOMIC."

7. MR. ROBINSON SAID THE ANZUS ALLIANCE HAD BEEN BORN IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE THE CENTRAL CONCERN WAS FOR SURVIVAL. NOW, IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THE ECONOMIC ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED IF THE TREATY PARTNERS WERE TO DEAL WITH THE POLITICAL ISSUES.

8.. DESPITE THE TRADITIONAL U.S. BELIEF IN THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES, "WE HAVE TO SUPPORT STABILITY," HE SAID. THERE COULD BE A DIRECT CLASH BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS, AS IN THE CASE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WHERE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY GREATLY INCREASED THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION.

9. "COMMERCIAL COMPANIES ENGAGED IN NUCLEAR SALES ARE LEADING US DOWN A VERY DANGEROUS PATH," SAID MR. ROBINSON. END QUOTE.

10. ARTICLE SEEMS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH TEXT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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